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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the political situation in Thailand be solved peacefully and through democratic means.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas political turmoil in Thailand has led to the most troubled political situation in the country since 1992;

Whereas resulting crisis may have a negative impact on Thailand's people, economy, and society;

Whereas Thailand's rich diversity of cultures and traditions and its proud history are admired throughout the world;

Whereas the United States close relationship and long-standing friendship with Thailand dates back to 1833 when the two countries signed the Treaty of Amity and Commerce;

Whereas the United States and Thailand became alliance partners with the Manila Pact of 1954 and the United States designated Thailand as a major non-North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ally in December 2003;

Whereas with the Treaty of Amity and Economic Relations of 1966, along with burgeoning trade and investment flows, the United States and Thailand share critical economic ties; and

Whereas with more than 200,000 people tracing their ancestry to Thailand, extensive social and cultural links between the United States and Thailand, and shared values, mutual trust, and common interests, the bilateral relationship remains strong and resilient: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) all parties involved in the political crisis in
4 Thailand renounce the use of violence and pledge to
5 resolve the country's political problems peacefully
6 and through democratic means; and

7 (2) all parties concerned are encouraged to
8 work assiduously to settle their differences on the
9 basis of the 5-point national reconciliation plan pro-
10 posed by the Prime Minister of Thailand on May 3,
11 2010, which encompasses upholding the monarchy,
12 instituting political reform, and eradicating injustice.

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